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Senate pushes taskforce to probe county pension funds remittances delay

Accumulation of pensions funds is blamed on the delay by the national treasury to disburse funds to counties, diversion of funds meant for suppliers and underperformance in counties own source revenues



Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi, who also chairs the County Public Investments Committee, invites National Treasury CS Njuguna Ndung'u to give his address during the multi stakeholder engagement forum for non remittance of pension held in Mombasa County on Friday, August 11, 2023.

A watchdog committee of the Senate has waded into the raging debate on the delay by county entities to remit pension funds, warning of dire consequences should the arrears not be settled within the shortest time pension.

The County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee (CPISFC) says the delay by the counties in remitting the funds has impacted negatively on the lives of retired public servants.

At a high-level stakeholder meeting held in Mombasa on Friday, August 11, the committee directed the stakeholders to constitute a taskforce that will conduct an inquiry into the matter of unremitted pension funds.

The task force will consist of all stakeholders and is expected to submit its report to the Senate within a month.

The National Treasury and the Office of the Controller of Budget (OCOB) will spearhead the process, with the CS Njuguna Ndung'u urged to allow for constructive engagement on the issue that has left retirees struggling to make ends meet.

One of the main challenges the committee noted is the variance between the reported outstanding pension balances from county governments by the different stakeholders.

Besides the National Treasury, other state agencies that were part of the Friday meeting are the Controller of Budget (CoB), the Local Authorities Trust Fund (LAPTrust), Local Authorities Provident Fund (LAPFund), and the Council of Governors (CoG).

The first task of the team will be to reconcile the outstanding balances. The

Task force will also discuss the issue of interests and penalties that entities are supposed as sanction for late remittance.

Regulation 10(4) of the Retirement Benefits (Occupational Retirement Benefits Schemes) Regulations, 2000 provides that all the pension contributions deducted from members by the employer must be remitted to the pension scheme in full before the 10th day of every calendar month.

The third mandate of the task force will be to explore a strategy of recovery and develop a repayment plan.

"It is crucial that we hold these county entities accountable for their obligations to retirees. Transparency, accountability, and effective management of funds are essential to ensure that pensions are remitted promptly and in full," said Committee chairperson and Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi in Mombasa.

The Senator added that there is a need for robust oversight mechanisms to prevent future instances of non-remittance and to safeguard the rights of retirees.

Although in 2021 the National Assembly amended the law to give the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) the power to attach bank accounts of employers who fail to remit pension funds, little seems to have changed, forcing the Senate to intervene.

Available data shows that all county entities have in the range of Sh80 billion that has not been paid to pension schemes as at March 2023. It stood at Sh45 billion, five years ago.

An analysis by the CoB of the data on outstanding pension contributions, indicates that submissions from pensions

schemes do not agree with what counties have presented.

Total figures from the schemes amount to Sh85.05 billion which comprises of Sh48.79 billion owed to Lap Fund, Sh32.35 billion owed to Lap Trust and Sh3.91 billion owed to CPF.

The figures show that accrued interest arising from the outstanding principal amounts are higher than the original principal balances and the committee has proposed that there is need for a waiver on the accumulated interests.

Nairobi County has the highest balance of Sh42.76 billion, which accounts for 57.8 per cent of the total outstanding amount, followed by Mombasa at Sh10.6 billion (14.4 per cent).

Seven counties reported no great amounts due to the pension scheme. They are Tana River, Marsabit, Kiambu, Busia, Lamu, Baringo and Kwale counties.



Professor Ndungu (left) and Senator Osotsi address the forum which approved the formation of a taskforce to inquire into the issue.

Senate to engage State agencies over conservation of Nyandarua's Lake Ol'Bolossat



Lake Ol'Bolossat in Nyandarua County

The Senate has initiated the process of saving the world-famous Lake Ol'Bolossat in Nyandarua County.

Speaker Amason Kingi on Tuesday August 8, directed the Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources to start the process that will see the only highland lake in Central Kenya, known for its significant fresh water source, gazetted as a national reserve under the Kenya Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013.

The push for the gazettement is to

facilitate more effective conservation measures and boost eco-tourism in the area.

The conservation of the lake will address issues of human wildlife conflict, create job opportunities, enhance own source revenue and provide an alternative source of livelihood to the residents.

On March 8, 2023, the County Assembly of Nyandarua adopted a motion whose effect was to petition the Senate to consult with state agencies to speed up the gazettement of the Lake.

In the motion, the MCAs requested

the Senate to consult with state agencies responsible for conservation to have the lake gazetted as a national reserve under the Nyandarua County government.

The agencies the Senate is expected to consult include; the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and other relevant Government agencies.

The Assembly transmitted to the Senate the particulars of the motion which Speaker communicated to the House on Tuesday last week.

"I direct that the matter, together with the set of correspondence received from the County Assembly of Nyandarua, be referred to the Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources for consideration," directed Speaker Kingi.

The lake feeds into the Ewaso Nyiro River, which supplies water to the Thompson Falls, which was declared a protected wetland under the Environmental Conservation and Management Act in 2018.

It is a vital habitat for over 300 big bird species, migrating between Europe and Asia, and houses over 1,000 hippos, supports the livelihoods of people, livestock and wildlife downstream in several counties.

It also supports a variety of activities, including commercial, agricultural and tourism.

The lake's ecosystem has significantly dwindled due to increased human activities along its basin.

Its area has shrunk from around 10,000 hectares to about 2,000 leading to a decrease in water levels and a drop in bird and hippopotamus populations.

The invasion of local communities with large herds of cattle and encroachment of riparian land has exasperated the situation. Interventions to save the lake and its ecosystem has been limited, causing concern among the public and stakeholders. The Assembly thereupon resolved, inter alia

Speaker Kingi hails thriving ties between Kenya and China



Speaker of the Senate Rt Hon Amason Jeffah Kingi, chats with Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, His Excellency Zhou Pingjian in his office last week. The Ambassador visited to introduce to Speaker Kingi, the new Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy in Nairobi and Minister Counsellor, H.E. Zhang Zhizhong.

Speaker of the Senate Rt Hon Amason Jeffah Kingi has hailed the thriving ties between China and Kenya and reiterated Parliament of Kenya's commitment to buttress and support them through relevant legislative interventions.

Speaker Kingi said the large number of Chinese nationals doing business in Kenya was testament to its friendliness

as an investment destination.

Speaking when he received the Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, His Excellency Zhou Pingjian in his office last week, Speaker Kingi assured the Chinese Government of Kenya's firm resolve to protect investments – both foreign and local – for a stable economy and country.

The purpose of the diplomat's visit was to introduce to Speaker Kingi, the

new Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy in Nairobi and Minister Counsellor, H.E. Zhang Zhizhong. Mr Zhang will serve in the position for a period of four years.

"China has shown a great inclination to invest in this country. With this interest and partnership, we will see more engagements between our two nations and our people," Rt Hon Kingi said.

The Speaker further said China and Kenya had a lot to celebrate in their relations and enjoy links stretching back centuries, occasioned by the ancient sea trade. These resulted in Chinese people settling at the coast where their culture remains evident to date.

In his comments, the Ambassador said Chinese nationals were increasingly turning to Kenya as their preferred destination for tourism and commercial engagements.

More and more Chinese tourists and trade delegations were arriving to sample Kenya's tourism attractions, key among them the sandy beaches at the Coast and the famous wildlife in the national parks, the envoy said.

"The Chinese Embassy remains committed to working with Kenya to see how we can establish more co-operation in the tourism sector. We all know that

Kenya is famous for its national parks teeming with wildlife that have made it a tourist destination," the Ambassador said.

This, coupled with the already large number of Chinese investors and professionals working locally, makes Kenya a strategic partner and friend of the People's Republic of China, he added.

"Hon Speaker, there are so many Chinese delegations visiting Kenya. Wherever I go in this country, I see Chinese. This demonstrates that they love Kenya," said the Ambassador.

He also revealed that his Government was committed to supporting the Kenya Kwanza Government in realizing its agenda of bettering lives of Kenyans through the five economic pillars, namely tourism and agriculture, wholesale and retail trade, manufacturing, IT-enabled services, and financial services.

While receiving Mr Zhang, the Speaker of the Senate, wished him a fruitful tour of duty, assuring him that Kenya was a great country to work in, due to its citizens' unmatched hospitality.

"Our hospitality is second to none. You'll enjoy working in this country," Speaker Kingi told Mr Zhang.

CPA – Kenya Branch gets new executive Committee members

Eight legislators have been elected to the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Kenya Branch.

The lawmakers were elected during the 2023 Annual General Meeting presided over by Speaker Amason Kingi at Parliament Buildings.

The National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula was represented by his deputy, Ms Gladys Shollei.

The two Speakers together are the Joint-Presidents of the Kenyan Branch.

The eight lawmakers are Bomet Senator Wakili Hillary Sigei, Nominated Senator Esther Okenyuri and Nominated Senator Zena Lemaletian who were elected from the Senate while Turbo MP Janet Sitienei, Eldas MP Adan Keynan, Elgeyo Marakwet Woman Representative Caroline Ngelechei, Busia Woman Representative Catherine Omanyoo and Embakasi East MP Musila Mawathe were elected from the National Assembly.

The Clerk of the National Assembly Samuel Njoroge is the Secretary to the Executive while his Senate counterpart



Speaker of the Senate Rt Hon Amason Jeffah Kingi poses with Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Hon Gladys Shollei and other legislators after the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Kenya Branch AGM, and elections last week.

Jeremiah Nyegenye, is the Treasurer.

The election now accords the Excom Members a platform to join hands with the rest of the membership in driving integration of the Kenyan Parliament into the CPA family, while spearheading domestication of best parliamentary practices acquired from being part of this global caucus and network, in local legislative engagements.

The Executive Committee is the apex body of the association in Kenya and

after their election, Speaker Kingi challenged the new team to bring in new ideas and enthusiasm.

"Our gathering today must mean something with respect to the role that the Parliament of Kenya will play in the community of nations," said the Speaker, noting that there are numerous challenges that parliamentarians face but which can be addressed if the association organised itself and develops programmes that build the capacity of oth-

ers through harnessing the experiences of others.

Global challenges such as climate change, natural calamities and pandemics, wars and interstate conflicts continue to put world populations at risk and stretch the limits of their resilience.

The establishment the CPA Parliamentary Academy and development of tools such as the CPA Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures and the Post-Election Seminars contribute to the strengthening of Members' capacity and building of collective knowledge for discharge of roles.

The CPA is an association which brings together Members of Parliament of the Commonwealth with the objective of respect for the rule of law and individual rights and freedoms, the pursuit of the ideals of parliamentary democracy and good governance.

The CPA brings together over 180 legislatures and offers a vast opportunity for Parliamentarians to collaborate on issues of mutual interest and to share good practice.

Telkom Kenya must pay Sh650m before we reconnect them to their infrastructure, ATC Kenya CEO tells ICT Committee



Mr Thomas Sonesson, the CEO of ATC-Kenya makes his submission to the ICT committee as (below) members of the committee led by Senator Alan Chesang (Chair), Senator Miraj Abdulrahman (second right), Senator Beatrice Ogola and Senator Shakila Abdalla follow the proceedings.

The CEO of American Tower Corporation-Kenya (ATC-K) Thomas Sonesson has informed a Committee of the Senate that Telkom Kenya must pay Sh650 million to be reconnected to its telecommunication giant's infrastructure.

This comes after Telkom Kenya defaulted on payment, totaling Sh4 billion to ATC Kenya under their Master Lease Agreement for a tower sale and lease-back transaction, forcing the telecommunications infrastructure owner and provider to finance Telkom's operations.

Appearing before the ICT Committee on Thursday August 10, Mr Sonesson informed Senators that his corporation plays a critical role in realizing Vision 2030 adding that they have already offered Telkom a deal in an attempt to make them operational and, thus, attract investors.

"Telkom Kenya has informed us that they want to be operational to attract investors. We have given them a proposal to pay at least Sh650 million plus Sh150 million in the following two months so that we can reconnect them to their infrastructure," said the CEO.

The Committee, which is chaired by

Trans Nzoia senator Allan Chesang, agreed that the issue requires an urgent solution since Telkom hosts critical telecommunication infrastructure touching on national security and pledged to find a solution.

"This is a very serious issue which we must handle tactfully. We need to see the contract between ATC Kenya and Telkom Kenya so that we can determine who breached the agreement," said Senator Shakilla Mohamed.

The Committee was also particularly concerned about ATC Kenya's claim that Telkom Kenya continues to deny them access to lease sites, thus violating lease terms and affecting services like connectivity, mobile money transfers and voice communication.

The Committee resolved to invite Telkom Kenya, the ICT and Digital Economy CS Eliud Owalo, the Competition Authority of Kenya, and the Attorney General to understand the disagreement between the two telcos.

Nandi senator Samson Cherarkey suggested that Interior CS Kithure Kindiki appear before the committee to explain why the police aren't providing ATC Kenya with the necessary protection to access their sites.

Justice committee to address obstacles that impede the realisation of right to health as enshrined in constitution



(Left) Bomet Senator Hillary Wakili Sigei, who also chairs the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee, makes his remarks during the launch of the report on the rights to Health by the International Commission of Jurists- Kenya Chapter. (Right) Nominated Senator Veronica Maina, a member of the Justice and Legal Affairs (left), Mr Protas Saende, the Chairman of ICJ-Kenya Chapter and Senator Sigei follow the proceedings during the launch of the report.

The Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights has promised to address any legal obstacles that impede the realisation of right to health as enshrined in the constitution.

Article 43 of the constitution provides that every Kenyan has a right to the highest attainable standard of health. This includes the right to health care services and reproductive health care.

The article further declares that no person shall be denied emergency medical treatment and obligates the state to provide appropriate social security to persons who are unable to support themselves and their dependants.

But a recent study by the International Commission of Jurists- Kenya (ICJ-K) established that the right to health remains largely out of reach for a significant portion of the population.

The report cites a range of challenges that span through sociocultural, economic, policy, legal, systemic, and structural realms.

The study reveals that the current enjoyment of the right to health, as stipulated by national and international laws and policies, is significantly hindered by a range of multifaceted challenges.

To address these obstacles, the study suggests a series of strategic actions

aimed at improving legislative and policy frameworks, enhancing healthcare accessibility, fortifying the healthcare system, and raising awareness about citizens' rights, all in pursuit of sustainable healthcare delivery.

The report observes that improving the availability of quality healthcare services requires strengthening of county capabilities, promoting inclusivity across service tiers, and establishing regulatory mechanisms to uphold service excellence.

There is also call to strengthen the broader health system and institutional framework to better support the realisation of the right to health.

The study emphasises the importance of reinforcing the right to health even during health emergencies and humanitarian crises.

"The Committee is prepared and committed to ensuring that healthcare is accessible to all in an affordable manner," said Bomet senator Henry Wakili Sigei during the launch of the report at a Nairobi Hotel.

Lobby the US lawmakers to amend law to include Kenyan terror victims, lawyers tell Adhoc committee on compensation

Lawyers representing Kenyan survivors in the 1998 US Embassy bombing have sought the Senate's intervention to push the American Congress to enact Budget-Neutral legislation that will see the Kenyan victims eligible for compensation.

The US Congress enacted a law in 2014 that provides for a Victims Compensation Fund through which victims of terror attacks targeting the US government are paid.

So far, the Fund has compensated victims in similar circumstances to the tune of US 3 billion dollars.

However, due to the way the statute is worded, victims of such attacks who are Kenyan nationals are not eligible for compensation.

Appearing before the Ad hoc Committee that is Pushing for Compensation to the Kenyan Victims of the 1998 bombing in Nairobi, Mr Philip M. Musolino said there is a ray of hope for the victims.

"After decades of litigation in the US Supreme Court, we were able to secure US 56.6 billion dollars in compensation against Al Qaeda on behalf of 351 Ken-



Members of the Ad hoc Committee that is pushing for the compensation of Kenyan victims of the 1998 Nairobi bomb blast follow the proceedings during the public hearing on Friday, August 11, 2023. Below, Mr Philip Musolino, the lead lawyer for the Kenyan victims in the compensation case makes his presentation during the meeting.

yans. What remains is an amendment to the legislation to include the Kenyan victims," said Mr Musolino when he appeared before the committee.

"We were able to convince the court

that the attack was directed at the US and it agreed that the victims of the attack must be compensated," he added.

Amending the legislation, which is the stumbling block to the compensation

would serve as a concrete example of the US support to its friends and allies.

The Lawyers pleaded with the Kenyan Government to break its silence on the issue of compensation saying its support is the last piece of the jigsaw that the victims have been looking for a quarter century.

"Members of the Congress are very much interested in what the Kenyan Government has to say. I believe the Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and a high-level delegation of the State Department attended the August 7th commemoration because of this Committee. The Government's support would be a shot in the arm," explained Mr Musolino.

If the Ad hoc Committee, which is chaired by Machakos senator Agnes Kavindu, convinces their counterparts in the United States to amend the Compensation Fund, each victim of the terror attack will walk away with over five million in US dollars.

A total of 213 Kenyans and 12 American Citizens died while 5,000 people were injured in the 1998 bombing that targeted the US Embassy in Nairobi.

Kenyans were defrauded money in the issuance of passports, Ombudsman tells Security Committee

A committee of the Senate has promised to support investigations into allegations of corruption in the Department of Immigration involving issuance of passports.

The Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations gave the undertaking after it received a report from the ombudsman detailing corruption at the department.

The Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) conducted investigations into corruption in the issuance of passports and submitted a report to the Committee detailing complaints made by the public against Immigration officials.

CAJ was forced to intervene after Kenyans on social media complained of being overcharged in the payments of passports.

Members of the public have officers at the Department and the e-citizen platform alleging that they had been issued passports having fewer pages than the ones they had applied and paid for.

The complainants alleged that they



Baringo Senator William Cheptumo, chairman, Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations.

were forced to pay the amount of money meant for higher series of passports only to be issued with documents of lower series.

CAJ officials visited Immigration offices, the Government Digital Payment Unit under the National Treasury where it interviewed officers as well as complainants and obtained several documents related to the matter.

In some cases, citizens were compelled to pay Sh6,050 which is the cost



The Commission on Administrative Justice when it appeared before the Committee on Security led by Vice chairman Washington Sati (right)

of the 50-page series "B" passport.

"It was the only option provided to them while making their online applications on e-citizen," said CAJ in their submission to the committee, which is chaired by Baringo senator William Cheptumo.

They were eventually issued with the 34-page series "A" passports whose cost is Sh4550 and they lost Sh1,500 to the government without a clear channel of recourse.

The explanation offered by the Immigration was that the anomaly was a result of the system error.

"No efforts were made by the Department to rectify the anomaly or reimburse the citizens for the cost difference between 'A' and 'B' series passport," noted the Commission.

In its recommendation, CAJ wants the Principal Secretary, State Department of

Immigration and Citizen Services to initiate an audit of the NADRA system for the period of 2021-2023 in order to identify all passport applicants whose excess payments have not been refunded.

The Commission also wants the PS to ensure that the 9 complainants in the case and all the other applicants whose excess payments have not been refunded are promptly refunded their monies.

The Commission has given 6 months as a period under which steps should be taken.

The commission's delegation led by Vice Chairperson Washington Sati appealed to the Committee to intervene and push for justice for Kenyans who lost their money.

Members of the committee assured the Commission of its support indicating that it will work closely with it to help address issues raised.

Governors to have power to recognise and honour individuals acclaimed as being outstanding in proposed Bill



Senator Miiraj Abdulrahman, the sponsor of the County Hall of Fame Bill, 2023.

Governors may soon have the power to honour individuals within their respective counties acclaimed as being outstanding, exceptional or illustrious in any profession or activity if a Bill before the Senate is

passed into law.

The County Hall of Fame Bill, 2023 will offer the governors the power to induct into county Hall of fame any person who exhibits exemplary qualities, actions or achievements of heroism, sacri-

ifice, bravery, patriotism or leadership for the defence, benefit or betterment of the county or country.

The Bill, which was introduced in the House on August 8, seeks to create a framework through which each county will recognise and honoured.

Any person who has made an exemplary contribution to the county or country in the economic, social, scientific, academic, public administration, governance, sports, journalism, business, security or other field will be eligible for the honour.

Similar recognition will be extended to any State officer or public officer who has made an exemplary contribution to the betterment of the county government or a person who has otherwise brought honour, glory or pride to a county.

The Bill, sponsored by Nominated senator Miraj Abdulrahman, establishes a hall of fame in each of the 47 counties which honour the achievements of persons who have made significant contributions to the county and also serve as a repository and source of information for members of the public on the history, heritage and culture of the county

Section 4 also provides that the Hall of Fame will serve as a mechanism for the preservation of historical documents and artefacts relating to the county while also promoting the preservation of the

prevailing heritage and culture found within the county.

“The establishment of the County Hall of Fame will enable each county to preserve its history, culture and heritage,” says Senator Abdulrahman in the memorandum of Objects

The Bill establishes a County Hall of Fame Selection Committee whose role will be to receive and consider representations from any person, body, association of persons or corporation recommending the induction of a person into the county hall of fame.

It is the committee that will recommend to the governor, on its own motion or on a representation on persons who may be considered for induction into the county hall of fame.

In making a recommendation for the induction of a person into the county hall of fame, the Selection Committee shall take into account the impact that such person has had on the county or country including the social or economic impact of such person’s actions.

The Bill was first published on March 8, 2021 with the then Elgeyo Marakwet senator Kipchumba Murkomen as the sponsor.

It was introduced in the Senate and passed and referred to the National Assembly on February 2, 2022 where it lapsed.

County Governments to licence Rice farmers in new Bill

County Governments will have absolute powers to determine persons or entities that will carry out the business in the rice farming value chain.

The Rice Bill, 2023, grants the devolved governments wide ranging powers which include the implementation of the national government policy, regulation and facilitation of access by players to resources and financial assistance that may be necessary to promote the development of the rice industry.

The Bill, sponsored by Kirinyaga senator James Murango, was introduced in the House on Tuesday, August 8.

The Bill proposes the establishment of the Kenya Rice Board whose role will be to regulate and promote the development of the rice industry, coordinate the activities of individuals and organisations within the industry and facilitate equitable access to the benefits and resources of the industry by interested parties.

The Board will also be tasked with

the mandate of research and facilitating the flow of research findings to interested parties through the provision of effective extension services, monitor the domestic market to identify and advise the government and those interested on any distortion in the rice market.

The Board will also have the power to regulate, control, market, import and export rice and its by products and facilitate arbitration of disputes.

“Rice is an important food and cash crop in Kenya with critical implications on food security and economic growth,” observes Senator Murango in the Memorandum of Objects of the Bill.

The agricultural sector has faced diverse challenges such as high costs of fertiliser, inadequate agricultural extension services and limited data on rice industry participants which have equally affected the rice production.

The administration of rice growing is vested in the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) which regulates the collection, movement, storage, sale,

purchase, transportation, marketing, processing, distribution, importation and exportation, disposal and supply of rice.

“The rice industry has suffered from various administrative inefficiencies within the National Cereals and Produce. This has contributed to exploitation of farmers by middlemen, increased costs of rice production and widening the gap between the locally produced rice and the annual national consumption,” explains the senator.

Section 24 of the Bill provides that a person shall not directly or indirectly engage in the business of milling or processing of rice by-products unless such person has applied for a licence with the county government.

A county executive committee member in charge of Agriculture shall consider an application within such period, not exceeding fourteen days, as may be prescribed in the respective county legislation.

Section 31 gives the Cabinet Secretary the power to impose a levy on do-

mestic and imported rice to be known as the rice development levy.

However, such levy will only be imposed in consultation with the Board and the Council of Governors.

The levy shall be payable at such rate as may be specified in the order which shall contain provisions as to the time at which any amount payable by way of the levy shall become due.

All monies received in respect of the levy shall be paid to the Board.

“If a person fails to pay any amount payable by him by way of the levy on or before the date prescribed by the order, a sum equal to five per centum of the amount shall be added to the amount due for each month or part thereof during which the amount due remains unpaid.

Section 32 the Rice Development Fund which shall consist of the rice development levy, any funds provided by bilateral or multilateral donors for the purposes of the Fund and any moneys provided by the National Assembly for the purposes of the Fund.



1. Senator Hamida Kibwana, Chairperson, Kenya Women Senators Association (Kewosa) and Senator Margret Kamar are joined by a senior Officer in the Kenya Prisons Service in cutting the cake during a party the Association organized for inmates at the Eldoret Women Prison on Sunday, August 13, 2023.
2. Senator Betty Montent distributes refreshments to inmates during the party.
3. Senators Kibwana and Kamar and Ms Eunice Odhiambo, the Officer In charge at the Eldoret Women Prison join inmates for a jig during the party.
4. Senators Kibwana (left) Kamar and Cathernine Mumma
5. Senators Kibwana (left) and Kamar (right) share a light moment with the Ms Eunice Odhiambo during the party.
6. The Liaison Committee, which brings together all chairpersons of the House Committees, during their weekly meetings on Wednesdays where it discussed matters affecting the committes. It is chaired by Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi.
7. Wajir Senator Abbas, the chairman of the Committee on Devolution, is flanked by members of the committee Mohamed Chute and Catherine Mumma when the Committee hosted the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) to discuss devolution matters.
8. Members of the County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee led by their chairperson Godfrey Osotsi (in a tie) pose for a picture with National Treasury CS Njuguna Ndungu and other stakeholders during the multi stakeholders meeting on non remittance of pension funds in Mombasa County.



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- 8 Pupils from Green Park Academy, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County, pose for picture after their tour of Parliament Buildings.
- 9 Pupils of Kariandusi Primary and Junior Secondary School, Nakuru County, after they toured Parliament Buildings.
- 10 Pupils of St Mathews Maraba Academy in Tinderet, Nandi County also toured parliament Buildings and had the opportunity to attend Senate Proceedings
- 11 Students of Sagero Adventist National School, Uasin Gishu County, were also among the guests who toured Parliament last week.
- 12 Pupils of Al-Rayan Schools, Ongata Rongai, Kajiado County, follow the proceedings of the Senate from the comfort of the public gallery during their visit last week
- 13 Pupils of Holy Cross Academy in Nandi also had a chance to tour parliament and attend the House proceedings
- 14 Senator Esther Okenyuri joins Class 8 pupils and teachers from St Vincent DePaul Boys' School, Mosoch, Kisii County, for a photo session after their tour of Parliament Buildings.
- 15 Education CS Ezekiel Machogu addresses the House on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 when he appeared to respond to members' questions.

Governor Arati given three months to submit detailed report on Kisii pending bills to committee

Governor Simba Arati has until October 30, 2023 to submit a comprehensive report on the status of pending bills in Kisii County.

A report of the Controller of Budget indicates that the county had pending bills amounting to Sh1.33 billion as of September 30, 2022.

However, when he appeared before the Finance and Budget Committee on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, the Governor confirmed that his administration inherited pending bills amounting to Sh1.4 billion, a figure he disputed.

He told the committee, chaired by Manderu senator Ali Roba that only Sh235 million of the total amount he inherited as pending bills is genuine.

The Governor had appeared before

the committee to respond to a question raised by Kisii Senator Richard Onyonka.

The governor said on assuming office, his administration was confronted with the huge bills noting that there was no proper explanation on their eligibility.

To address the challenge, he established the County Pending Bills Verification and Ineligible Resolution Committee to seek answers to many of the lingering questions.

In its findings, verification committee reported that the pending bill stood at Sh1.6 billion, including claims inherited from the previous administration.

“Out of the total Sh1.6 billion, only Sh231 million was found to be eligible,” Governor Arati told the Senate Commit-

tee.

Pending bills for 90 entities are suspected to be fraudulent which forced the Governor to halt any payment to them.

The County has so far settled what the governor refers to as eligible bills amounting to Sh111.9 million leaving a balance of Sh119.4 that has been factored in the budget of this financial year, 2023/24.

To address the challenge of debts, he has established an internal desk to receive complaints from the public regarding bills found to be ineligible.

The desk will be closed by end of August 2023 before embarking on report writing.

The Committee called on Governor and his administration to handle the is-



Kisii Governor Samuel Arati when he appeared before the Committee on Finance and Budget on Tuesday August 8.

sue of pending bills objectively and ensure there is justice for all the parties involved.

The committee resolved to invite the former Governor James Ongwae and a section of the county entities with huge debts to appear before it to shed light on the matter.

CPAC directs to EACC to conclude probe into Bungoma unsundered imprests for 2019/20 financial year



Senators Edwin Sifuna, Richard Onyonka and Mwenda Gataya Mo fire following proceedings during the meeting.

The County Public Accounts Committee has directed the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to conclude investigations into the failure by staff of Bungoma County executive to surrender imprests amounting to Sh67.1 million.

The committee gave the directive after it emerged that the employees have failed to surrender the funds because the Commission had carted away crucial documents related to the imprests in 2019.

Senator Moses Kajwang, who chairs the committee, directed EACC to complete investigations to bring the matter to

conclusion.

“We want you to complete the investigations so that those concerned should not use EACC as justification for their failure to surrender the money,” said Senator Kajwang, warning that any further delay in the investigations will force the committee to hold EACC and its CEO to account.

The directive was issued when Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka appeared before the committee on Monday August 7 to defend the County’s revenue and expenditure account for the 2019/20 financial year.

Besides Governor Lusaka, Governors



Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka makes submission to CPAC on Tuesday, August 8 on the 2019/20 auditor general’s report.

Wisley Rotich (Elgeyo Marakwet) and Cecily Mbarire (Embu) also appeared before the committee in the same week.

However, the Committee did not listen to Governor Mbarire as she did not supply some crucial documents related to her county’s accounts.

Governor Lusaka is the immediate former Senate Speaker having served between 2017 and 2022.

Auditor General Nancy Gathungu said the Bungoma county had issued imprests totaling Sh67.1 million for the year ending June 30, 2020.

An audit carried out in December of the same year indicates that imprests totaling Sh8.9 million had been accounted for, leaving a balance of Sh58 million still outstanding.

This is contrary to Regulation 93(5) of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 which requires imprest holders to surrender or account for imprests with-

in seven working days after returning to duty station.

The committee asked Governor Rotich to develop a legal regime that will govern tertiary training Colleges as well as local and foreign universities duly recognised by the County Government.

The county incurred an expenditure of Sh11 million in fees on behalf of 25 students who had enrolled at Tampere University of Applied Science Ltd in Finland.

In February 2020 parents to the 25 students signed a contract in which the county was to pay tuition fees for those who enrolled at the University.

Six months earlier, September 2019, the county signed a co-operation agreement with the University to enroll students from the County in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programme.

The agreement provided for the County to recruit students to the programme, accredit the degree programme with the Nursing Council of Kenya, and find suitable practical training placements for the students.

Parents to the students enrolled on the programme paid tuition fees through the County Education Fund Account, which is Contrary to Section 6 of the Elgeyo/Marakwet County Education Act, 2017.

“There is no evidence that the County Executive obtained accreditation for the degree programme from the Nursing Council of Kenya,” notes the Auditor General.

The County obtained no responses to letters it addressed to the Nursing Council of Kenya and the Commission of Higher Education on the matter.

Muranga Governor Ordered to submit to committee a debt repayment plan for five water firms in the county

The County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee has expressed concern with the debt choking the Muranga County-owned water companies, warning they risk crippling their operations.

In particular, the committee singled out Murang'a Water and Sanitation Company (Muwasco) whose debt has grown exponentially in the last three years.

From Sh60 million in December 2020, the company's debt had jumped to Sh71 million as of January 2023, surging by an additional Sh5 million to stand at Sh76 million by July 2023.

When Governor Irungu Kangata appeared before the committee last week, the committee gave him 7 days to submit a written commitment on how the government plans to clear the debt.

"We will submit a written repayment plan within the seven days. However, we will pay Sh10 million to the company in September this year as part of our effort to reduce the debt," said Governor Kang'ata.

Apart from Muwasco, the County has four water companies. They are Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited, Murang'a West Water and Sanitation Company Limited, Gatanga Community Scheme and Gatamathi Wa-



Members of the County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee led by Senator Godfrey Osotsi (in green suit) follow deliberations during the meeting with Muranga governor Irungu Kangata over the state of the five water companies owned by the county. Others in the picture are Senators Ledama ole Kina (left), Karung'o Thangwa (centre) and Eddy Oketch. Below, Governor Kangata and his officers make presentation to the committee.

ter and Sanitation Company Limited.

Senator Osotsi further directed the governor to furnish the Committee with information about Fort Beverage Industries Limited, a subsidiary of Murang'a Water and Sanitation Company, within

14 days.

The information should include ownership details and operational specifics. The deadline for this submission is set at 14 days.

The County executive and County

Assembly were directed to jointly finalise the enactment of the County Water Act, a piece of law that is crucial in enhancing the operations of all water companies within County.

Handover documents to Drumvalle Society, Committee orders Commissioner of Cooperatives



Senator Lenku Ole Kamar Seki, the Chair of Committee on Trade.

The Committee on Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism has given the Commissioner of Cooperatives and the official liquidator 30 days to surrender all documents related to the Drumvalle Farmers' Cooperatives Soci-

ety in Machakos County.

The records in question are related to land owned by the Society and the membership registers, both which should be surrendered to the current board of management and a report submitted to the Committee those 30 days.

The committee, which is chaired by Kajiado Senator Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, issued the orders at Parliament after a meeting in which it reviewed the handing over report prepared by the Commissioner.

The handing over was undertaken on July 28, 2023 at the Office of the Commissioner after Machakos Agnes Kavindu had sought a statement on the status of the land on the floor of the House.

After it successfully arbitrated the handover of the Society's documents and Assets from the Liquidator, the committee now awaits updates from the Ministry of Cooperatives and the Management of Society on status of title deeds of the land set aside for public utilities.

The Society must also give details

about the parcels of land that had not been subdivided; status of the riparian land that had been grabbed; the prevailing security situation in Drumvale following handover of Society's Management to current Board.

The titling process of the land to ensure that the rightful owners of the parcels of land take ownership of their properties.

In the handing report, two questions are yet to be answered. The first relates to the status of convening members of the Society as directed to the Director of Cooperatives, Nairobi City County by the Commissioner for Cooperative Development in his letter dated 9th September 2022.

Secondly, is the the malpractices noted in the liquidation process proposing disciplinary actions on the culpable officer.

The committee directed that the matter remains under active investigations and the Commissioner to issue a report at a later date.

Push for complete transfer of devolved functions, IGTRC tells the Devolution Committee

The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGTRC) has appealed to the Senate to intervene and push for complete transfer of devolved functions and resources to the counties.

IGTRC, a state agency mandated to establish a framework of consultation and cooperation between the two levels of governments, says significant elements of devolved functions remain at the National Government 10 years since devolution was first implemented.

The agency estimates the cost of the functions still at the national government at Sh272 billion.

“Considerable resources needed to fund devolved functions still remain at the disposal of the National Government,” said CPA Kithinji Kiragu, IGTRC chairperson when he appeared

before the Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

CPA Kiragu told the committee that there is need for consensus on quantum and timeframe for transfer of the functions and asked Parliament to appropriately and timely incorporate the funds in the County Allocation Revenue Act.

“Overcoming the existing challenges will require political goodwill and commitment from both levels of Government,” added CPA Kiragu.

Legal Notice No.142 of August 2019 delineated the Library function and distributed 59 libraries domiciled in 33 Counties.

IGTRC has recommended to the Senate that the remaining 14 Counties be supported to establish libraries through conditional grants beginning with Sh100 million to each County.



Chairman of the The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGTRC) Mr Kiragu Githinji when he appeared before Devolution Committee

The agency cites challenges and confusion in the allocation of library money wants the Senate to intervene and address the issue.

“The allocation of the library funds was distributed as part of the equitable share to the 47 county governments and not as a grant to the 33 county govern-

ments to which libraries and staff were transferred,” explained CPA Kiragu

Consequently, county governments with libraries received allocations that were lower than the original allocation to cater for staff remuneration.

County governments which did not receive libraries and staff were erroneously allocated funds, in the circumstances, some county governments have failed to take up the function due to less budgetary allocation to perform the function and the expanded wage bill.

IGTRC further submitted the Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) function was devolved without resources for its implementation and called on the legislators to help in addressing the challenge.

The Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee told the Legislators that there is a need to have a National Symposium bringing together all the stakeholders to discuss the status of Devolution.

The Committee assured IGTRC of support and asked members of the agency to be candid when discharging their duties.

KEWOSA rescues 29 Eldoret inmates in jail for misdemeanour



The Kenya Women Senators Association chairperson Hamida Kibwana hands over sanitary towels, refreshments and other presents to inmates at the Eldoret Women Prison when members of the Association toured the facility on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

The Kenya Women Senators Association (Kewosa) kicked off their tour of Uasin Gishu on a high after they facilitated the release of 29 individuals who were serving time in jail for petty offences.

The Senators are in the County for the biannual Devolution Conference run from August 15 to 19, 2023 in Eldoret town.

The lawmakers, under the leadership of their Chairperson Hamida Kibwana, arrived in the County on Saturday and made an impromptu visit to Eldoret Women GK Prison where they assessed

the conditions in the facility and encourage the inmates.

The lawmakers were confronted with the reality where some inmates convicted for petty crimes were serving sentences for between one month to 6 months after they failed to pay fines ranging between Sh3,000 to Sh5,000.

An impromptu fund raiser saw the five senators present raise funds that were enough to see 29 inmates regain their freedom in an initiative aimed at empowering women.

“We have brought good news apart from the simple material visible here.

It is disheartening to witness individuals who could be leading productive lives trapped behind bars due to financial constraints,” said senator Kibwana during their visit.

The senators vowed to embark on a mission to change the sorry state of woman’s prisons across the Country by providing beds and mattresses for the inmates.

“We will ensure that through those in charge, we purchase beds and mattresses and ensure the “one bed one person” rule is upheld,” said the Senator, adding that the group will transform the envi-

ronment of women prison facilities.

The Senators presented donations as a token of their support to bring a ray of hope and provide some relief during the inmate’s time of confinement.

The Senators urged the government to prioritise the improvement of the welfare of the Prison Service and the Police service personnel, the deplorable housing conditions they endure and seek investment opportunities to build modern correctional facilities.

Senators who participated in the visit were Professor Margaret Kamar, Betty Montet, Catherine Mumma and Beatrice Ogolla.

Lazima tubuni mbinu za kuukuza na kuudumisha Utalii, asema Seneta Okenyuri

Pana haja ya dharura ya serikali za kitaifa na kaunti kubuni na kutekeleza mikakati kabambe itakayosaidia kuwavutia na kuwaridhisha watalii wanaozuru nchini Kenya kama njia ya kuipa nguvu sekta ya Utalii.

Kupitia kwa taarifa kuhusu ufufuzi wa sekta ya Utalii nchini Kenya, hususan baada ya janga la maradhi ya COVID-19, Seneta Mteule Esther Okenyuri amesema kuwa kuna haja ya kubuni njia mpya na mtazamo wa kina wa washikadau kwenye sekta ya Utalii, Bunge la Seneti likuwa mojawapo wa wadau katika kushughulikia ubora wa sekta hiyo.

Seneta Okenyuri alisema licha ya kushuhudiwa kwa ukuaji katika sekta ya Utalii nchini Kenya, mikakati murua inastahili kuwekwa na kutekelezwa ili kuipa nguvu zaidi sekta hiyo.

“Nchi ya Kenya imesajili asilimia 72.4 ya ufufuzi wa sekta ya Utalii kwenye takwimu za mwaka 2019. Hii ni zaidi ya kiwango wastani cha viwango vya Kimataifa mnamo mwaka 2022. Kiwango cha Kimataifa cha watalii walio-wasili nchini Kenya kilikuwa 1,483,752 ikiwakilisha asilimia sabini nukta nne, tano ya ongezeko ikilinganishwa na idadi ya watalii 870,465 ya mnamo mwaka 2021,” alisema Seneta Okenyuri.

Uwanja wa Kimataifa wa Ndege wa Jomo Kenyatta ulisajili ukuaji wa asili-



Seneta Esther Okenyuri

mia arubaini na nne wa idadi ya wasafiri mnamo mwaka 2022 ukilinganishwa na mwaka 2021.

Ukuaji pia ulishuhudiwa kwenye Viwanja vya Ndege vya humu nchini vikiwemo vya Malindi, Kisumu na Ukunda, ukuaji huo ukiashiria ufufuzi kwenye sekta ya Usafiri wa angani katika safu ya Kimataifa na ndani ya nchi.

Ukuaji huo kulingana na taarifa ya

Seneta ulisababishwa na sababu mbali mbali zikiwemo kulegezwa kwa kanuni na masharti ya kudhibiti ueneaji wa maradhi ya COVID-19, kutekelezwa kwa Mpango wa Utalii nchini Kenya wa mwaka 2021 hadi 2025, kuripotiwa kwa huduma za ndege mpya za humu nchini na kurejelewa kwa ziara za Utalii na kampeni za kufichua maeneo ya Utalii kwa wageni.

Seneta Okenyuri alitoa wito kwa Bunge la Seneti kuwa kwenye mstari wa mbele katika kuhimiza kaunti ambazo zina maeneo ya utalii yanayogawanywa kwazo kushirikiana, kupanga na kuhakikisha serikali zote zinashiriki katika ukuzaji wa utalii kwenye kaunti husika.

Aidha, Kiongozi huyo aliliomba Bunge la Seneti kuunda mfumo muafaka wa kisheria utakaofanikisha ushirikiano kando na kuwahamasisha Wakenya kuunga mkono juhudi hizo.

“Nawaomba Maseneta wenzangu kuwahamasisha Wakenya kutoka kwenye Kaunti zenu kuhusu umuhimu wa kundelea kuyatunza mazingira na wanyama pori kama turathi yetu,” aliomba Seneta Okenyuri.

“Natoa wito kwa serikali ya Kitaifa na za Kaunti kuunga mkono juhudi asilia za jamii kuipa nguvu sekta ya Utalii, hasa wakati huu ambapo kunashuhudiwa mabadiliko ya hali ya hewa na kudorora kwa uchumi ulimwenguni,” alisisitiza

Seneta Okenyuri.

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Seneta Mohamed Faki

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This Week in History



"I urge my colleagues to not let this formula divide this House. Let us reason together. I was in the last Senate and I am in this Senate right now. In the history of this country, we have never had what is happening in the Senate today. I request our colleagues who have taken a hard stand for selfish interests to change their positions and look at the bigger picture of this country and the Senate. How does it feel if the plate of ugali on the table is taken away from you and given to a county that is getting more than you? That is what this formula is all about. In all fairness, I urge you to let us adjourn this House and we come back and reason together."

Senator Fatuma Dullo

Contributing to the debate on the Approval of the third basis for revenue allocation among county governments during the Special sitting held on **Monday, August 17, 2020.**



"We understand that these are unprecedented times. We are on a Special Sitting with a prescribed agenda and we are required to confine ourselves to that agenda. If the safety and welfare of any Senator is threatened, then we can depart from the Standing Orders. We can allow ourselves some little time to allow you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, to guarantee the safety and security of those Members."

Senator Moses Kajwang

Contributing to the debate on the Approval of the third basis for revenue allocation among county governments during the Special sitting held on **Monday, August 17, 2020.**



"Mr. Speaker, Sir, "I would like to go on record as supporting this Motion for adjournment. This is a sad day in the history of the Senate. It is not by coincidence that we have woken up to a day when three of our colleagues are being arrested on a day that we were meant to have a very important debate. I would like Sen. Ochillo-Ayacko to listen to me because I heard him raise doubts as to whether the three Senators have been arrested."

Senator Okongo Omogeni

Contributing to the debate on the Approval of the third basis for revenue allocation among county governments during the Special sitting held on **Monday, August 17, 2020.**



I believe that there are better ways to achieve whatever end that is intended. When we adjourn, we need you to come back and inform this House the whereabouts of our colleagues. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Martin Luther King Jnr. said when he sent a letter from the Birmingham Jail: "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny, and whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Senator Susan Kihika

Contributing to the debate on the Approval of the third basis for revenue allocation among county governments during the Special sitting held on **Monday, August 17, 2020.**

Strengthening the Role of Women Legislatures



Kenya Women Senators Association, (KEWOSA) on Monday, August 14, 2023, organized capacity building targeting female MCAs in Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi and Uasin Gishu County Assemblies.

Under the theme “Strengthening the Role of Women Legislatures,” the senators took the MCAs through the Roles of Legislatures in Democratic Governance, their representative, legislation and oversight.

The forum was conducted in partnership with UKaid, the British High Commission and REINVENT programme.

Those present were KEWOSA chairperson, Senator Hamida Kibwana, Senator Margaret Kamar, Senator. Catherine Mumma, Senator Betty Montet, Senator Beatrice Ogolla and Senator Crystal Asige.

Others were Prof Grace Cheserek, the Deputy Governor of Elgeyo Marakwet County, Dr Yulita Chebotip Cheruiyot, the Deputy Governor, Nandi County, Ms. Jacqueline Mbogo, Chief of Party, REINVENT Programme.



Champions of devolution



The Senate Football team has reaffirmed the obvious fact it is the undisputed champion of devolution after it easily breezed through the Council of Governors in a one-sided pre-Devolution Conference match at Kipchoge Keino stadium, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

The match, played on Wednesday, ensured that the Senate retained the trophy for the second year running, leaving the CoG clutching at the wooden spoon.

There was little doubt about the outcome of this one-sided match as a well organised Senate team controlled the proceedings from the first whistle.

At the end of the match, both teams went into a penalty shootout with Senate Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi leading Senators to again thrash CoG 4 goals to 1, leaving no doubt on their invincibility.

Under team Manager, Senator Eddy Oketch, and Captain Senator Mohamed Faki, the team took control of the match from the first minute, running rings around the CoG, with sleek display that excited the crowd who had thronged the venue to watch the match.



At one point, the Senate held possession of 70 per cent.

It came as no surprise, thus, when the lawmakers opened the scoresheet in the 10th minute through Martin Njuguna, a staff of parliament. Rather than slow the team, the goal appeared to have energized the lawmakers, who duly scored a second goal in the 25th minute, though yet another staffer, Kenneth Owuoth.

Being a true leader, Captain Faki dribbled the ball from the near the centre half, and breezed through the CoG rearguard to smash home the third goal in the dying minutes of the match to make the score 3-0.

Senator would return to smash home his penalty, so did the Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi, Senator Raphael Chimera and Senator Tom Ojienda.

Senate Speaker Emeritus Kenneth Lusaka, who was a key member of the CoG team, lost his spot kick, so did Governor Fernandes Barasa, George Natembeya and Irungu Kangata.

Only Governor Muthomi Njuki scored.

Team Manager Oketch attributed the team's good results to thorough training regime, preparation and excellent coordination of the players on the field.

Following the win, the Senate Team was awarded the Devolution Conference Trophy and officially declared as champions of the Biannual Devolution Conference 2023.

Earlier on the same field, Nyandarua County Soccer team won 6:0 against IG-RTC.

1. The Senate Football team pose for a picture before the kick off of the match with the County of Governors (CoG) at Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The Senate won 3-0.
2. The Senate team led by Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi celebrate with the trophy after they defeated CoG to win the pre-conference football match at Kipchoge Keino Stadium. Senators John Methu (3rd left), Mohamed Faki (standing on the podium partly hidden), Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi (standing on the podium, right) lift the trophy in excitement. They are joined by (from left) Sports CS Ababu Namwamba (in white tracksuit), Clerk of Senate Jeremiah Nyegenye (in blue T shirt), CoG Chairperson Anne Waiguru, Senator Alex Mundigi (Just behind Ms Waiguru) and Senator Eddy Oketch.
3. & 4. Deputy Senator Kathuri Murungi scores the penalty that ensured the Senate the win and in picture 2. Senator Murungi celebrates after he scored.
5. Senator Mohamed Faki, the captain of the Senate Football team, is mopped by colleagues after the engineered the win against CoG in the pre-Devolution conference match in Eldoret on Wednesday. Senator Mohamed Faki, the captain of the Senate Football team, is mopped by colleagues after the engineered the win against CoG in the pre Devolution conference match in Eldoret on Wednesday



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